

Meeting on Agent Training Survey

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DDP/TRO stated that the first task was to define the term "agent trainees". The majority of people being trained under CS projects aren't agent trainees from his point of view. A distinction should be made between different kinds of trainees. Each project is not necessarily training agent trainees in the semantic sense of the word. Some are liaison types, with training being done by foreign services in real estate we do not buy. These activities are supported by our regular projects.

C/PPS stated that the same problem of definition exists in Covert Training.

DDP/TRO replied that Covert Training's trainees fall into several categories: liaison types; agent trainee (foreigner whom we have picked up who is going to school here); and the staff employee/staff agent/contract agent going out under unofficial cover. DDP/TRO then went

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through list of projects he had compiled (see attached).

C/PPS inquired if it would be useful to use this list as an attachment to the report.

DDP/TRO replied that he could if he wanted.

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Mr. [REDACTED] asked if, since information on list was taken from Top Secret projects, the report would then have to be classified TS. DDP/TRO replied that he did not think the list was specific enough to require a TS classification.

C/PPS suggested that the report list agent trainees by categories suggested by DDP/TRO.

DDP/TRO stated that it was difficult to determine how many staff officers and agent trainees were involved in each project, as it isn't always a case of our training these agents. Also the cost and staff of many projects has been considerably larger in the past than it is now. He has requested the Clandestine Services to estimate requirements for CY 64 based upon things they are working on now, and the activities they are involved in which would result in training requirements in the near future. Requirements should be evaluated in terms of what they intend to meet with their own resources and those they intend to levy on OTR. Requirements can be projected for [REDACTED] but not, for instance,

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in the case of the [REDACTED] training, as the continuation of this project has not been determined. Requirements should be projected for CY 64 in terms of philosophy of economy.

C/PPS inquired as to what general philosophy should we ascribe to DDP in the paper.

DDP/TRO replied that the paper should be accompanied by a reply from the Clandestine Services to the DD/S. Each project which comes up in 1964 should be attacked ad hoc. The only requirements that can be projected are [REDACTED] ^{25X1A} and those reflected through Covert Training.

With regard to Covert Training, they are booked solid usually three months ahead, and case officers are beginning to realize they must make arrangements for covert training far in advance of the actual date. The number of projects that Covert Training can handle is governed by physical facilities and number of personnel. As long as Covert Training is working at capacity this figure can be used for projected requirements.

C/PPS stated that it is incumbent upon OTR to support the DDP, and queried DDP/TRO how OTR, with its rigid budget and T/O, could achieve flexibility to properly support the Clandestine Services.

DDP/TRO replied that the squeeze on the limited facilities of Covert Training is good for the CS - they can adjust - and it also



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causes a review of their priorities, which is of value.

C/PPS then inquired if Covert Training has been able to meet all TDY requirements levied on it by the CS. C/OS informed him that they had.

DDP/TRO stated that he would rather have Covert Training operating at capacity and having competition for their services, as this gives the Desks time to work on their projects, which they sometimes need.

25X1A Mr. [REDACTED] inquired how often the Desk does their own training when Covert Training is unable to handle it themselves.

C/OS replied that it is the exception rather than the rule that the Desk handles it themselves. It is essentially cable traffic that causes the mistaken notion that the Desk does much of its own training. In 80% of the cases an OTR instructor goes out or Covert Training does it. Training, or support of agent training, is done not only by the CS but by specialized training done by other components also (Commo, TSD, Security, etc.). Training is conducted by OTR and, within their technical capabilities, by other components of the Agency.

DDP/TRO stated that, with respect to TDY's, in some cases the problem of sending someone to the field would not come up if the officers out there were well enough trained when they went out. He went on to

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state that the report should try to present a picture of what is being done, how, why, the cost, and it should also include some philosophy on what training is.